



4-H TODAY

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4-H Enrollment Coming to a Close

We are excited for another great year and are preparing for many changes to make our program better than ever. With the changes comes a new online enrollment system. Now, families are able to access the online system to enroll their youth in our 4-H program. The enrollment deadline will be **January 15, 2017. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute. You will not be considered a member until your program fee is paid.**

After January 15, you can enroll through the local Extension Office. **To enroll online, simply go to <https://in.4honline.com>.** From there, you'll create a new family profile. After the profile is created, you'll add youth 4-H members and enroll them into projects. You are able to pay the program fee online or by check. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our office at 219-285-8620 or email dsands@purdue.edu.

Newton County 4-H is open to all youth in grades 2-12. New members are welcome to join at any time!

4-H Scholarships—Due to 4HOnline January 25

Are you a high school 4-H member getting your post-high school educational plans together? Don't forget about your 4-H experiences...you could be eligible for a number of scholarships!

The following scholarships are available:

1. **4-H Accomplishment.*** Includes an application within a 4-H project area, a cover letter, a resume, and an on-campus interview for those whose applications are selected.
2. **4-H Club.** For seniors enrolling at Purdue in the College of Agriculture or one of the following majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences; Apparel Design and Technology, Dietetics, Developmental and Family Science, Early Childhood Education and Exceptional Needs, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Environmental Health Science, Financial Counseling and Planning, Foods and Nutrition, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Services, Nutrition Science, Retail Management, or Selling and Sales Management. Must have your FAFSA application on file by March 1, 2017.
3. **4-H Foundation.*** For seniors enrolled in 4-H, based on 4-H record and application.
4. Locally, **3 Newton County 4-H Council Scholarships** are available: One to a North Newton-area 4-Her, one to a South Newton-area 4-Her, and one to a non-Newton County Schools 4-Her.

You can find applications on our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/newton. All applications are to be uploaded to your 4Honline profile by January 25, 2017, except the 4-H Council scholarship, which is due to the Extension Office by Feb 1.

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Calling All 4-H Leaders!

The months of February and March are Calcium Awareness Months. To help celebrate, the Fair Oaks Farms are offering a special to all 4-H Clubs. For a group of at least 10, you can call and schedule a special time for your group to visit the dairy. The admission price will be \$6/person/per adventure or \$10 for both! Each member will have access to over 60 interactive dairy exhibits, the bus tour, the 3D/4D movie, the Birthing Barn at the Dairy Adventure, The Gestation, Farrowing, and Growing Barn at the Pig Adventure, a handbook, and a kiddie cone! WOW! **Call now to schedule your time: 877-536-1194 ext. 322.**

2017 Livestock ID Info

All livestock enrollment information will be done through the <https://in.4honline.com> website (except Rabbits and Poultry). Animal registration dates are the same: April 1 for Steer (Beef and Dairy Beef) and May 15 for all other livestock. This is your responsibility as a member to get this information entered. All fields in **bold** are required in order to be eligible for State Fair.

Beef and dairy beef steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag
Commercial heifers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag
Registered heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo
Market lambs	5-digit county tag and retinal image
Commercial ewes	5-digit county tag or farm/flock tag and retinal image
Registered ewes	Tag from registration paper and retinal image
Swine	840-RFID tag, ear notch and DNA hair sample
Dairy cattle	840-RFID tag
Meat goat wethers	5-digit county tag or tattoo and retinal image
Market goat does	5-digit county tag or tattoo
Boer goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat wethers	5-digit county tag or tattoo
Pygmy goats	Tattoo or microchip or 5-digit county tag or scrapie tag
Horse and pony	Color picture

Beef/Dairy Weigh-IN and Tagging Workshop



Mark your calendars for the Beef/Dairy Weigh-In and Tagging workshop on

Saturday, February 25 from 8-10 AM CT at Manchester Ag, 5766 E 300 S, Rensselaer, 3/4 mi East of Mt. Agr on 300 S. Scales will be set up to help you get your cattle weighed and tagged and we will give you paperwork necessary to go online and enter the information. Please contact your Superintendents Stu Manchester 219-863-9273 or Jen Hayworth 765-491-5689 if you have any questions prior to the workshop.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Beef and Dairy Barn Dinner, Saturday, February 25 from 4:30-7:00 PM CT at the Brook United Methodist Church. Carry out available. Contact Lisa Eilers at 219-275-4693 or Becky West at 219-613-6763 for tickets and information.

Young Ladies of Agriculture Upcoming Events

The Young Ladies of Agriculture is a networking evening to encourage young ladies (grade 8—12) who have an interest in Agriculture through a family operation, course in school, or personal interest! It is NOT required to have a background in agriculture—just an interest in learning more about the industry.

This event will be held Wednesday, February 22 from 3-7 PM at the Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN at the Midwest Women in Agriculture Conference.

Interested in attending? You MUST RSVP by February 8th by calling our office or going online at ag.purdue.edu/extension/wia. \$10 registration fee due before attending. There are only 40 spots available! Each young lady is welcome to RSVP one (1) adult guest free of charge. Register today!

Young Ladies of Ag Career Showcase

The Young Ladies of Agriculture is a day-long career fair event to encourage young ladies (grade 9—12) who have an interest in Agriculture or STEM Careers through a family operation, course in school, or personal interest!

Professional business females will be available for you to talk to and learn more about their role as a woman in agriculture. Choose breakout sessions to have more in-depth discussions about agriculture and hear from Lori Culler, from AgHires, about your future in Agriculture.

This event will be held Thursday, February 9 at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette, IN. Interested in attending? You MUST RSVP by January 25 by completing a registration form at https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/WIA/Documents/OnePage_YLA_CareerShowcase_RegistrationForm.pdf or visit our website.

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Area 4-H Officer Training—all members welcome!

Are you currently a 4-H Club Officer? Would you like to become a Club Officer some day? Ever wondered what Club Officers are supposed to do?

We are excited to announce information about the 2017 Area 4-H Officer Training to be held **Wednesday, January 25** at the **Tippecanoe County Extension Office** in Lafayette, IN. Registration begins at 5:00 PM CT and the training will begin at 5:30 PM CT. The training will be conducted by Purdue Collegiate 4-H to help you learn more about 4-H Club Officer positions! It also promises to be a fun and interactive environment.

Interested members should RSVP by January 20th to Danielle at the Extension Office. The cost is free to attend so we hope you will join in on the fun! The snow date for the event will be Feb. 1.

E-990 Postcard due May 15, 2017

4-H Clubs and Affiliates with less than \$50,000 in gross receipts have filed an IRS Form 9900 e-postcard in the past. Clubs will be required to file the IRS Form 990 e-postcard in 2017. The deadline for this to be completed is May 15, 2017. Please contact the Extension Office if you do not know your EIN number.

Club and Project Leader Meeting

Club and Project Leaders are invited to attend their first meeting for 2017 on Tuesday, February 7 at 6 PM at the Extension Office. We will distribute project manuals and club rosters. Please plan to give us a list of your upcoming events and plans for the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please give our office a minimum of **two (2) weeks notice** if you request a postcard or mailing to your club/project members. That will give us sufficient time to create the mailing and for your members' families to plan for your event.

Since our newsletter is now bi-monthly, we are requesting a schedule of your 4-H events for the upcoming year. Many clubs and projects have already given us their dates. This will be helpful for us to advertise your event sufficiently as well as for families to plan for them.

Club Annual Reports and Financial Info Due Soon

In mid-December, the required annual Club Report and Financial Info forms were mailed to one leader per club or project. The club secretary can complete the Club Report, basically a summary of the year's accomplishments. The Treasurer can help complete the 2-page Financial Report. **All reports MUST be returned to the Extension Office by February 1.**



Drone workshops will begin in January!

Do you know what a Drone is? Are you interested in learning about them and flying them? This project is for you! Join the Drone project leaders on Friday, January 27 at the Beaver Township Community Center in Morocco at 6:30 PM for their first workshop of the year! They are excited to start another year of Drone discoveries!



4-H Grows Project Open House Saturday, January 7, 10 AM—12 PM CT

Saturday, January 7 from 10 AM—12 PM at the Beaver Twp Community Center in Morocco, the Newton County 4-H program will host its first ever 4-H Project Fair and Open House recruiting event. Current and potential members are invited to find out about 4-H projects, clubs, and activities and learn more about 4-H in Newton County! 4-H Club and Project leaders as well as current members will be on hand to answer questions and computers will be available for you to enroll while you're there! Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

"4-H Grows Here" Yard Signs Available!

Yard signs are available for you to help recruit for 4-H. A few Spanish versions are also available. Please let us know if you would like one to display in your yard during our enrollment period.

Area Junior Leader Retreat being planned!

Junior Leaders—mark your calendars for February 24/25, 2017! An Area retreat is being planned for you and other Junior Leaders from the surrounding counties. It will be a great opportunity to network with other Junior Leaders and learn what it means to be a leader in your local community. The Retreat will be held at Camp Tecumseh. More information to come! We hope you can attend!

Contact Us

Interested in learning more about what we do?

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4-H Trips and Workshop Opportunities— Don't Miss Out

Some of the perks of 4-H membership are the opportunities to spread your wings and try new experiences with other 4-Hers from across Indiana. Except for International Programs and Citizenship Washington, Newton County 4-H Council will contribute 50% of the event cost to the FIRST 5 4-H members to sign up, and 40% after that. 4-Hers are expected to pay the remainder.

Visit our website for more details www.extension.purdue.edu/newton. Ask your club leader, older 4-H members, or call us at the Extension Office if you have any questions!